

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at p. 51, lines 11-14 as follows:

In step 2602, the eBrrts check to determine if they can generate a grant signal. If the out port i of eBrrt_Di has already decided to take a cell (e.g., ePortChsn = 1; Fig. 21), or 'im1iNoGrant' (Fig. 21) is set, then a grant cannot be ~~generated~~ generated while the condition persists. If a grant can be generated, process 2600 proceeds to step 2603.